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PREFACE.

THIS MANUAL of Family Prayers has been compiled for use in the Diocese of Rupert's Land, and is mainly formed from the Book of Common Prayer and some similar Publications, that have been kindly placed at the disposal of the Compilers. Of these, a work by the Rev. D. Moore, called, "Daily Devotion," has been most largely made use of. Selections have also been made from Manuals published by the Venerable Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, by the Rev. Canon Hawkins, and by the Rev. Abner Brown.

The Plan of the Manual is to have a constant Order of Morning and Evening Prayer, after the general plan of the Book of Common Prayer, with a few select Prayers for each day. These select Prayers are assigned to different days, partly from their propriety for the respective days, and partly from the necessity of a Form of Family Prayer not being too protracted; but Headings have been given to them, so that any of them may, if it be thought desirable, be used on any other day.

The Compilers pray that those who use this little Manual, may be enabled, by God's grace in the use of it, to draw near to their Heavenly Father in Spirit and in Truth.

MANUAL OF FAMILY PRAYERS.

MORNING PRAYER.

The Service may begin by the Reader and Family standing up, and reading alternate verses of the 95th or 63rd Psalms; after which, the Reader and the Family may read alternate verses of the Psalms appointed in the Book of Common Prayer for the day of the month, ending each Psalm by saying or singing,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

But on Sunday, one or more of the following Psalms may be read, instead of the Psalms for the day, viz:—

Psalms 24, 27, 29, 42, 43, 63, 66, 84, 96, 100, 116, 122, 132.

After the Psalms, one of the lessons appointed for the day in the Book of Common Prayer, or some other portion of Holy Scripture, may be read.

Reader.

Let us make our humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon our knees:

Reader and Family.

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Reader.

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions, and, though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us, for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Reader and Family.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

R. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;

F. And grant us thy salvation.

R. O Lord, save the Queen.

F. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

R. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

F. And make thy chosen people joyful.

R. O Lord, save thy people.

F. And bless thine inheritance.

R. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

F. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

R. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

F. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect or Collects for the day may here be read.

Reader.

O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast preserved us during the past night, and brought us in safety to the beginning of this day. We thank thee for all thy manifold mercies and blessings, which are new every morning, and fresh every evening. O Lord, thou art about our path, and about our bed, and spiest out all our ways. Consider our infirmities, and strengthen us by thy Holy Spirit. Give us grace that we may live this day as in thy presence. Defend us during it with thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty God, who didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to bear the penalty of our transgressions, and to make known unto us thy will; Mercifully pardon and accept of us through His Mediation. Grant that this day we may know more of Jesus, may we know him as the Word made flesh, and as the only begotten of the Father. May our experience be that He is full of grace and truth. May we, now and always, feel that his blood cleanseth

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from all sin. We thank thee that He has finished the work given him to do. Oh, may we obtain life from his death, peace from his conflicts, and healing from his wounds. Bring us, in penitent and humble trust, to his cross; and help us to rely, with unwavering confidence, on that atoning sacrifice which he offered for us. And thus, receiving Christ, and him crucified, as our salvation, may we walk in newness of life, to thy honour and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Reader may then use the special prayers for the day of the week, or any of the others: after which he may conclude the service with the following prayers:—

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord, to make our common supplications unto thee: and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER.

The service may begin by the Reader and Family standing up and singing a Hymn : after which the Reader and the Family may read alternate verses of the Psalms appointed in the Book of Common Prayer for the day of the month, ending each Psalm by saying or singing,

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.”

But on Sunday one or more of the following Psalms may be read, instead of the Psalms for the day, viz :—

Psalms 1, 15, 19, 26, 36, 48, 65, 68, 87, 92, 93, 118, 149.

After the Psalms, one of the lessons appointed for the day in the Book of Common Prayer, or some other portion of Holy Scripture, may be read.

Reader.

Let us make our humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon our knees.

Reader and Family.

O Most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing

that thou hast made : who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin and be saved, mercifully forgive us our trespasses : receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy : to thee only it belongeth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, Good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed ; enter not into judgement with thy servants, who are vile earth and miserable sinners : but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reader.

O Lord, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee ; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reader and Family.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in

earth. As it is heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

R. Both now and ever, vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.

F. Graciously hear us, O Christ, graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

R. O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us.

F. As we do put our trust in thee.

The Collect or Collects for the day may here be read.

Reader.

O Merciful Father, the Keeper of Israel, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, in commending to thy gracious care and holy keeping this night, ourselves and all belonging to us, we beseech thee to accept this our evening sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving. We thank thee for all the mercies of the past day: to thee we owe all we are, and all we have—whatever of favour we have received, and whatever of sorrow we have been spared. Oh, to us, and to all dear to us (*especially the dear children of this house*) continue, and extend thy gracious favour: enlighten our darkness, and by thy great

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mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers. Watch over us while we sleep. Come near us when we wake, so that sleeping or waking, living or dying, we may be ever and altogether thine, through the alone merits and satisfaction of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Reader may then read the Special Prayers for the Day of the week, or any of the others: after which he may conclude the service with the following prayers:—

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast made the day for labour, and the night for rest; grant us such rest of body, that we may continually have a waking soul, to watch for the time when our Lord shall appear, to deliver us from this mortal life. Let no vain or wandering fancy trouble us. Let our spiritual enemies have no power over us, but let our minds be set wholly on thy presence, to love, and fear, and rest in thee alone; that being refreshed with a sober and moderate sleep, we may rise up again with cheerful strength and gladness, to serve thee in all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's Name; we beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us that

have made now our prayers and supplications unto thee ; and grant that those things, which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord bless us and keep us ; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us : the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

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SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR WEEKLY USE.

SUNDAY MORNING.

**1. A PRAYER FOR GRACE FOR THE SERVICES
OF THE DAY.**

Almighty God our heavenly Father, on whom the eyes of all do wait, we meekly beseech thee, on this thy day of rest, to remember every creature of thine for good, and to visit the world with thy mercy. Especially, Gracious Father, look with compassion on us, now worshipping before thee, and as thou regardest not the outward appearance, but searchest the heart, have mercy upon our infirmities, and teach us this day to worship thee in spirit and in truth. Give us grace to enter thy house with lowly and contrite hearts, that we may confess our sins with godly sorrow, and give us understanding to speak thy praise with joy and gladness. Furthermore, we most humbly beseech thee, from whom alone cometh down every good and perfect gift, to give us thy Holy Spirit to renew our minds: to

bring us to a right understanding of thy blessed Word: and to plant in us such a knowledge and love of thy truth, that we may continue thine for ever. And grant, O Heavenly Father, that as thou didst on this day bring again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, so thou wouldest raise up our souls unto newness of life, and enable us to do all that is well pleasing in thy sight. We ask all for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2. A PRAYER FOR THE CLERGY AND OTHER
SPIRITUAL LABOURERS.

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels, send down on all the Pastors of the Church, the healthful Spirit of thy grace. Make them apt to teach, and wise to win souls. Give unto them the spirit of love, and power, and of a sound mind. Help them to take heed to themselves, and to their doctrine, that by thy blessing upon their life and labours, they may both save themselves and those that hear them. Also, we entreat thee, Heavenly Father, to bless the labours of all in thy holy Church, who shall seek on this day to benefit the souls of others. Especially we entreat thee for those who shall gather together for instruction, the

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young of thy flock. Grant that all such teachers may themselves be taught of thee. And may the seed of thy truth so take root in many a heart, that by the word of thy lips, they may be kept from the path of the destroyer, and brought to love and serve thee through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

3. A PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE.

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord, be present with all thy saints this day. Especially we commend to thy Fatherly goodness, those, who through sickness or other necessity, shall be kept from the assemblies of thy people. Manifest thyself to them wherever they are, and be with them in their private meditations. Give unto all thy worshippers this day to see the beauty of the Lord, and hear them in all things that they call upon thee for, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING.

4. A PRAYER FOR THE CLOSE OF THE
LORD'S DAY.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, suffer us, with thankful hearts for all thy spiritual mercies, to close this sacred day with prayer and praise. Forgive whatever thy holy and pure eye hath seen amiss in our approaches unto thee: accept our imperfect services; and grant that we may retire to rest, with thy pardon and blessing. Let the precious blood of our Saviour wash away our uncleanness, and do thou look upon us as reconciled children in Jesus Christ thy Son. Grant also, Heavenly Father, that the quiet rest of this holy day may raise in our hearts an earnest longing after that everlasting rest, which remaineth unto thy people. Sanctify us wholly in body, soul, and spirit, and lead us in the path of holy living to that glorious kingdom, where angels ever worship thee, and where thou livest and reignest with thy dearly beloved

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Son, and the Holy Ghost, one true and everlasting God, world without end. Amen.

5. A PRAYER FOR ALL MEN.

O Lord our heavenly Father, who hast commanded us to pray one for another, we humbly beseech thee to receive our prayers and intercessions for all men. We pray for the sick, and the sorrowing, and the afflicted. May they have strength according to their day: support, proportioned to their trials: consolations abounding as their sufferings abound. We pray for the ungodly: for those who turn away their feet from keeping thy holy day: and for all who set at nought thy counsel, and will have none of thy reproof. We pray also for the ignorant: for those who know not thee: for all throughout the world who think not of the things that belong to their peace. On all these, Gracious Father, command the light of thy truth to shine. Open the eyes that are blind. Subdue the wills that rebel. Convince mightily of sin, those who live without God in the world—and lead them to him who can alone take their sins away, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY MORNING.

6. A PRAYER FOR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD
IN DAILY LIFE.

O Almighty and everlasting God, from whom we receive all our mercies, give us thankful remembrances of the privileges of thy days of Rest, that we may enter week by week, on the duties we have in the world, with hearts in fellowship with thee, and governed by thy fear. Keep alive in us the truths we were taught and the lessons we received on thy holy day. May we be doers as well as hearers of thy Word. Teach us to perform unto the Lord our vows. Suffer not our good resolves to be choked by the distractions of business, or any earthly anxieties and cares. Maintain in us a constant remembrance and desire of higher and better things, that so our treasure and conversation, being in heaven, we may in due time thither ascend, there to reign with thee, and to enjoy thee for ever, world without end. Amen.

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7. A PRAYER FOR USEFULNESS IN DAILY LIFE.

O Merciful God, in whom alone we live, and move, and have our being, with the trials and labours of life before us, we commend ourselves to thy gracious care, beseeching of thee to guide us in safety along the narrow way of life, and to defend us from the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil. As thou hast called us with a holy calling, so give us grace to live up to the great and precious promises thou hast given us, in thy dear Son, that our profiting may appear unto all men, and that they may see in us the power of godliness. May we, in our different positions in the family and in the world, strive to live for thy glory, labouring to approve ourselves not merely men pleasers, but faithful servants of thee, our Heavenly Father, who judgest the heart. Give us an earnest desire to be useful to those around us, as every member of the body is serviceable to the whole body. And grant that, as we walk in the light, and live under a joyful sense of thy Fatherly love for us, we may be seen to be happy as well as holy, that thus others may be led to know a life of devotion to thee and thy dear Son, to be a life of pleasantness and peace.

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MONDAY EVENING.

8. A PRAYER FOR THE UNDERSTANDING AND
USE OF GOD'S WORD.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that we may be guided into all truth. Open our understandings, that we may understand the Scriptures. May we love thy precepts, fear thy threatenings, and believe thy promises to the saving of our souls, and their being built up in the faith of thy holy Gospel. Fill also our minds with the consolations of thy blessed Word. May it be a light to our feet, and a lamp to our paths, to the removing of our doubts, and the calming of our fears. Grant also, Heavenly Father, that we may ever with such meekness and humbleness of mind, receive the engrafted Word, that whatsoever we may there profitably learn, we may indeed fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

9. A PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE AND FAITHFULNESS IN SELF EXAMINATION.

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who dost teach us that, if we judge ourselves we shall not be judged, we meekly beseech thee to assist us in Self-examination. May sleep not come upon us in a state of unconfessed and unforgiven sin. We know that in all things we come short of thy glory. Lord, who can tell how oft he offendeth in secret faults, in neglected duties, in wasted talents, even too often in yielding to old and besetting sins? Lord, open our eyes to our offences. Give us grace to search them out diligently, and to mourn over them with godly sorrow, that having unburdened our minds and sought thy forgiveness, we may retire to rest at peace with thee, at peace with ourselves, and at peace with all mankind, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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TUESDAY MORNING.

10. A PRAYER FOR SINGLENESS OF SERVICE.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, who art the author of all godliness, we meekly beseech thee to pour upon us the gifts of thy Holy Spirit, that we may love thee more and serve thee better, and run with all patience and diligence, the race that is set before us. Let not the world ensnare us; nor the flesh allure us, nor sin reign in us, nor a deceived heart turn us aside. But help us to live with a single eye to thy glory.

Keep alive in us abiding impressions of eternity, and though many duties may engage us, and many cares may distract, yet let nothing take off our hearts from the supreme love of thee. Grant that thy dear Son may reign within us, and reign over us. Lead every thought captive. Bring every proud imagination low. May every affection and desire of the soul find its rest in thee, in a sense of thy favour here, and in the hope of thy promised glory hereafter. We ask all for the Name's sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

11. A PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN.

O God, the Creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church: that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness, all those, who are any ways afflicted, or distressed in mind, body, or estate; [*especially him for whom our prayers are desired,*] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ, his sake. Amen.

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TUESDAY EVENING.

12. A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL GIFTS.

O God, gracious and ever Merciful, we have nothing of our own wherewith to appear before thee, but we come to thee as we are ; in our guilt to seek for pardon ; in our weakness to pray for strength : in our misery to implore compassion : in our bondage to sin and death, to beseech that Christ would set us free. Vouchsafe, then, unto thy servants these thy spiritual gifts, and accompany them with thy Holy Spirit to subdue our evil passions, and to create in our hearts pure and good desires, that, being filled with holy affections and renewed in spirit, we may die unto sin and henceforth live unto thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

13. A PRAYER FOR A SENSE OF GOD'S PRESENCE AND PEACE.

O God, Merciful and Gracious, who lovest to dwell with the broken and contrite in heart, visit us with thy free salvation, and enrich us continually

with the Comforting gifts of thy Holy Spirit. Abide with us this night, and cheer us with the light of thy countenance. Grant unto each of us now seeking after thee, a joyful sense of our reconciliation with thee. Fill us with the peace that passeth all understanding. Let thy Spirit witness with our spirit, that we are thy children. Let thy hand ever be over us. Let thy Spirit ever be with us, and so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of thy blessed word, that in the end we may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Reader and Family.

O God, the Father of heaven, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity; three Persons and one God; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

R. Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, Good Lord: spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

F. Spare us, Good Lord.

R. From all evil and mischief: from sin, from

the crafts and assaults of the devil : from thy wrath and from everlasting damnation.

F. Good Lord, deliver us.

R. From all blindness of heart : from pride, vain glory, and hypocrisy : from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness.

F. Good Lord, deliver us.

R. From fornication, and all other deadly sin, and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

F. Good Lord, deliver us.

R. From lightning and tempest ; from plague, pestilence, and famine : from battle and murder, and from sudden death

F. Good Lord, deliver us.

R. From all sedition : privy conspiracy and rebellion ; from all false doctrine, heresy and schism, from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment.

F. Good Lord, deliver us.

R. By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation : by thy Nativity and Circumcision ; by thy Baptism, Fasting and Temptation.

F. Good Lord, deliver us.

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Cross and Passion: by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost.

F. Good Lord, deliver us.

R. In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our wealth, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgement.

F. Good Lord, deliver us.

R. We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God, and that it may please thee to have mercy upon all men, especially upon those who desire an interest in our prayers.

F. We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

R. That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them.

F. We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

R. That it may please thee to give us true repentance, to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to thy holy Word.

F. We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

R. & F. Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

R. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world ;

F. Grant us thy peace.

R. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world ;

F. Have mercy upon us.

R. & F. O Christ hear us.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING.

15. A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL GIFTS.

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we meekly beseech thee for those gifts of thy Holy Spirit, whereby alone we can show delight in thy service, or love to thy holy Name. Make us watchful in our goings, diligent in our duties, fervent in our prayers. Teach us to be humble and thankful in prosperity, patient and resigned in adversity, in every thing committing our way unto the Lord, and relying on that word of promise, that all things shall work together for good to them that love thee. O Lord from thee do all our blessings come. Help us with our lips to glorify thee, and with our lives to show forth thy praise, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

16. A PRAYER FOR INCREASE AND CONSTANCY OF FAITH.

O Almighty and everlasting God, who not only givest every good and perfect gift, but dost increase the gifts which thou hast given: We humbly be-

seech thee to increase in us the gift of Faith, that we may truly believe in thee, and in thy promises made unto us. Of thy only gift it cometh, that we have learnt to believe in Jesus Christ, as the true and only Saviour, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world. Give us grace daily more and more to believe with the heart unto righteousness; that neither by sinful negligence, nor by the weakness of our earthly nature; neither by the grievousness of temptation, nor by the subtlety of Satan, may we be driven from firm and living Faith in thy promises in him our only Saviour. Fix our hopes constantly upon that which thy word teaches us to trust in: and grant us to go through life's duties and trials, as seeing Him who is invisible, and as looking unto those blessed things, not seen as yet, which thou hast promised after death, to such as truly believe on the Name of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; through whose alone merits and advocacy we ask these mercies, and to whom, with thee, the Father, and the Holy Ghost, one God, be ascribed all honour and glory, now and evermore. Amen.

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THURSDAY MORNING.

17. A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL GIFTS.

O Holy and Most Merciful Father, who knowest the frailty of our hearts, we humbly beseech thee to wean us from the pomps and the pleasures, the profits and the honours of this present world: and to excite in us that hungering and thirsting after righteousness, which shall never be satisfied, till we wake up after thy likeness. Endue us with all christian graces. Give unto us a spirit of prayer, frequent, fervent, holy, and persevering: a spirit of humility to bear provocations meekly and to endure afflictions with a quiet mind: a spirit of contentment in our several callings, that we may live quietly and thankfully in the same. Grant unto us also a spirit of love, to bear one another's burdens, and fill us with the spirit of thy holy fear, that in all the duties of our station, we may be without reproach and blameless. We ask all for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

18. A GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and

heartly thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; [particularly to HIM who desires now to offer up HIS praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto HIM.] We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life: but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

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THURSDAY EVENING.

19. A PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, who alone canst lead us in the good and right way, we humbly beseech thee to give us thy heavenly grace, that we may henceforth keep thy statutes. Guide us, that we may not stray. Establish us, that we may not waver. Uphold us, that we may not fall. Preserve and strengthen us in all the duties of holy obedience, and so confirm us in the practice of all good things, that we, being made free from sin, and becoming servants unto thee, may have our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. We ask all for Jesus Christ's sake Amen

20. A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL GIFTS.

O Lord, who art the Disposer of all things in heaven and in earth, give us grace to desire only what thou shalt see most needful for us. Lord, we ask not for a large increase of outward prosperity and earthly blessings; for thou knowest if we have

need of these things, and according to our needs thou wilt give. We pray rather for the spiritual things of thy kingdom ; for wisdom to know thee ; for grace to walk in the steps of our great Example ; and for the constant assistance of thy Holy Spirit, that we may live a life of faith in the Son of God. O Lord, make our repentance deep ; our faith strong ; our conversation holy, and our hearts pure. Let our cares be cast on thee, and our best hopes laid up in heaven, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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FRIDAY MORNING.

21. A LITANY.

Reader and Family.

O God, the Father of heaven, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O Holy, blessed and Glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

R. We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God, and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way;

F. We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

R. That it may please thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in righteousness and holiness of life thy servant Victoria, our most Gracious Queen and Governor, and all the Royal Family.

F. We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

R. That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, especially the Bishop of this Diocese, and all Priests and Deacons, (especially the Minister of this Parish) [DISTRICT] with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word ; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth and show it accordingly ;

F. We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

R. That it may please thee to bless and keep the Governor of this Land and the Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice and to maintain truth ;

F. We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

R. That it may please thee bless and keep all thy people ;

F. We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

R. That it may please thee to give to all nations, unity, peace, and concord.

F. We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

R. That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and dread thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments ;

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R. That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the spirit ;

F. We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

R. That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived ;

F. We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

R. That it may please thee to preserve all that travel by land or by water, (especially.....) all women labouring of child, all sick persons (especially HIM who asks our prayers) and young children, and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives ;

F. We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

R. That it may please thee to defend and provide for the fatherless children, and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed ;

F. We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

R. That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts ;

F. We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

R. & F. Son of God ; we beseech thee to hear us.

R. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world :

F. Grant us thy peace.

R. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world ;

F. Have mercy upon us.

R & F. O Christ, hear us.

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FRIDAY EVENING.

22. A PRAYER FOR MISSIONS.

Almighty God, who art the Lord of the Harvest, and also by thy Son Jesus Christ, didst give commandment to the Holy Apostles that they should go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; send forth labourers into thine harvest. And Almighty Saviour, who didst redeem all mankind with thy precious blood, fulfil thy gracious promise to be present with those who are gone forth in thy Name. Be with thy servants among the Heathen, in all perils by land or by water, in sickness, weariness, and disappointment. Bless them with thy continual favour, and send thy Holy Spirit to guide them into all truth. Give love and wisdom to all that have the management of Missionary Societies, and O Grant, Most Merciful Saviour, that all who are called by thy name may be one in thee, and may abound more and more, in prayers and in free-will offerings, for the extension of thy Kingdom throughout the world: to thy honour and

glory, who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

23. A PRAYER OF INTERCESSION.

O God, our heavenly Father, in whose hands are the spirits of all flesh, we desire to commend to thy gracious care and holy keeping, all who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, especially those who may desire an interest in our prayers. May it please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, and to make the hand of thy blessing to be felt upon them. Sanctify them wholly in body, soul, and spirit. Keep them unblameable to the coming of the Lord Jesus, and make them and us to dwell for ever in thy favour, in the light of thy countenance and in thy glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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SATURDAY MORNING.

24. A PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER.

O Lord God, to whom alone we should come, for thou art the Father of our spirits and God of our life: We thank thee for having through our Advocate and Mediator, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, the privilege and honour of free access unto thee. We mourn that this privilege is so little felt by us, and this honour so lightly esteemed. Possessed with a spirit of infirmity, our souls cannot lift themselves up unto thee. Our hearts seem tied and bound with the chain of earthly things. And though we draw near to thee with our lips, yet often are our hearts far from thee. Lord take this our coldness and unbelief away. Pour out upon us the spirit of grace and of supplication. Teach us both how to pray and what to pray for, as we ought. Suffer us not to be anxious for an increase of our comforts, or for a provision for the flesh, but make us desire only those good things which thou hast promised to them that love thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

25. A PRAYER FOR THE GRACE OF OBEDIENCE.

O Heavenly Father, who hast appointed us a way to walk in, and commanded that we should not turn aside either to the right hand or to the left: give us grace to do even as thou hast commanded. Let us not follow the wayward fancies of our own will, or the will of other men; let us not obey the world, or the desires of our own sinful hearts, but do thou make us diligent to consider always beforehand what we shall speak, and what we shall do. Do thou govern and direct our eyes, that we may always look straight to thy law: and make each one of us in thought, words, and works, to seek thy honour and glory, the good of our own souls, and the everlasting welfare of all around us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen

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SATURDAY EVENING.

26. A THANKSGIVING FOR THE MERCIES OF
THE PAST WEEK.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants desire at the close of another week, to thank thee for all thy Fatherly care over us, notwithstanding the many sins, negligences, and ignorances of which we have cause to be ashamed. How great things hast thou done for our bodies and our souls. In the midst of our duties and cares, our labours and trials, thine eye has been over us for good. Thy love resteth not. Day unto day uttereth kindness, and night unto night showeth mercy. What shall we render unto thee for all thy benefits? Accept, gracious Lord, our daily and weekly confessions, prayers and thanksgivings; and sanctify us in heart and soul, that we may evermore give thee that service which is due unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

27. A PRAYER FOR PREPAREDNESS FOR THE
LORD'S DAY.

O Almighty God, who art more willing to hear than we to pray, and who art wont to give more than we desire or deserve, we meekly beseech thee to give us prepared hearts the engagements of thy holy day ; for its refreshing rest ; for its holy services ; for its sacred lessons ; and for all its blessed opportunities of fellowship with thee and thy dear Son, in thanksgiving, and praise and prayer. Help us to lay aside worldly cares and thoughts, that there may be nothing to hinder our profit or disturb the comfort of thy holy day. Grant that our sleep may be sweet. May we remember thee on our beds : and if it be thy will to preserve us through the night, we pray thee that our first thoughts may be of thee, of thy longsuffering in sparing us ; of thy care in keeping us ; and of thy goodness in waking us up to new mercies. Lord, into thy hands we commend our spirits, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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SPECIAL PRAYERS.

28. A PRAYER FOR A CHILD.

O Merciful Father, I thank thee for taking care of me during the past (NIGHT); keep me from evil this (DAY). Give me thy Holy Spirit. Teach me to love thee. Make me sorry for my sins, and forgive them for Jesus Christ's sake. Bless all my dear relations and friends; especially my dear Father, &c., and bring us all to thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

29. GRACE BEFORE MEAT.

Bless O Lord, these mercies for our use, and sanctify us for thy service, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

30. GRACE AFTER MEAT.

For what we have received, God's name be praised; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

31. A PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION.

O Merciful God, who of thy great love to mankind, hast instituted and ordained holy mysteries,

for the strengthening and refreshing of our souls : we pray thee to give unto those of us who are to go this day to thy Table, such prepared and willing hearts, that the cup which shall be blessed this day, may be to us the Communion of the blood of Christ : and the bread which shall be broken this day, may be to us the Communion of the body of Christ. We acknowledge, O Lord, that we are not worthy of so great mercies. But, if our sins make us afraid to come, yet our soul's necessity makes us afraid to stay away. Wherefore, O blessed Jesus, we come to thee as we are ; as those who are sick to the Physician ; as the unclean, to the fountain of cleansing ; as the blind, to the light of eternal brightness ; as poor and needy, to him in whom all fullness dwells. Receive us, O Lord, as thou hast promised. Clothe us with that wedding garment, which may make us acceptable guests at thy Table. And grant that all, who shall this day be partakers with us of this Holy Communion, may ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect people ; and, finally, by thy mercy, sit down with thee in thy kingdom, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

32. AN EVENING PRAYER AFTER THE
HOLY COMMUNION.

We give thee humble and hearty thanks, most Merciful Father, for the privilege this day enjoyed by (SOME OF) us, of partaking of the Lord's Supper at thy Table. Lord, we are not worthy to offer unto thee any sacrifice: but we pray thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; and to forgive us, if, in preparing our hearts to seek thee, the God of our Fathers, we were not cleansed according to the preparation of the Sanctuary. O God, in mercy to our manifold and great needs, evermore give unto us the bread of life. Grant that we may be refreshed continually by the Body and Blood of thy dear Son: that so, having our forgiveness sealed, our infirmities strengthened, our corruptions subdued, and our wills united more closely to our God and Saviour, we may be able to do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

33. A PRAYER BEFORE A BAPTISM.

O Holy and Most Merciful Father, who art rich in mercy to all that call upon thee, we humbly beseech thee to regard the supplications of thy ser-

vants, and grant that the member of this family who is this day to be brought to thy Holy Baptism, may receive remission of HIS sins by spiritual regeneration. Wash HIM and sanctify HIM by the Holy Ghost, and so endue HIM with the fulness of thy grace, that HE may ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

34. A PRAYER BEFORE CONFIRMATION.

O Almighty God, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, we humbly commend unto thee, that member of this family, who is about to take upon HIMSELF this day before thy Church the solemn vows, promise, and profession, which by HIS Sponsors, HE made unto thee in Holy Baptism. O God, show unto HIM HIS weakness, helplessness, and insufficiency, that HE may look to thee for strength and guidance. Guard HIM from the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil. Give HIM grace wholly to devote HIMSELF unto thee, body, soul, and spirit. And O merciful Lord, so strengthen HIM, we beseech thee, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, that being defended with thy heavenly grace, HE may continue thine for ever;

and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, till HE come unto thine everlasting kingdom. Amen.

35. A PRAYER BEFORE A MARRIAGE.

Almighty God, who, at the beginning, didst create our first parents, Adam and Eve, and didst sanctify and join them together in Marriage, and who hast consecrated the state of Matrimony to such an excellent mystery, that in it, is signified and represented the Spiritual marriage and unity betwixt Christ and his Church: look mercifully on these thy servants, who purpose this day to enter into this state of holy Matrimony. O Lord, mercifully with thy favour regard them: pour upon them the riches of thy grace: sanctify and bless them, that they may please thee both in body and soul, and live together in holy love unto their lives' end, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

36. A PRAYER FOR ONE SICK.

O Almighty God, and Heavenly Father, who art the Lord of life and death, and of all things to them belonging, as youth, strength, health, age, weakness, and sickness; look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve, that member of this family now visited with thine hand. Grant HIM patience under HIS

sufferings, and bless the means that are being used for the subduing of HIS complaint, and the increase of HIS strength. Sanctify to HIM and us, this thy Fatherly correction to the increase of our faith, the strengthening of our hopes, the deepening of our contrition, and the revival of those graces within us, that may be weak and ready to die. We ask these mercies for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

¶ *For other Prayers for the Sick, see the order for the Visitation of the Sick in the Book of Common Prayer.*

37. A PRAYER IN A JOURNEY.

O Eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the Heavens and rulest the raging of the Sea, and the passions of men; who knowest our down-sitting and our up-rising, being ever about our path, spying out all our ways: be pleased to receive us into thy Almighty and most gracious protection in our present journeyings, that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of Home, (with the fruits of our labours, and) with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies, to praise and glorify thy Holy Name: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

38. A PRAYER FOR THE CLOSE OR BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.

O Almighty and Everlasting God, the same yesterday, to day, and for ever, with whom a thousand

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years are but as one day, we meekly beseech thee that we may be warned by the passing of time, that we are drawing daily nearer to our latter end. We give thee, Father of all mercies, humble and hearty thanks for the many mercies, spiritual and temporal, of the past year; and we desire to commend ourselves in a New Year, entirely to thy Fatherly care and guidance. Grant, Heavenly Father, that we may not be so enticed and deceived by earthly things, and their delights, as to have the affections of our hearts chiefly fixed upon things below; but may we live in this world, enjoying, but not abusing, thy mercies; knowing ourselves to be but pilgrims and strangers, and ever desiring a better country, even a heavenly. This we ask, only through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

39. A PRAYER ON THE OCCASION OF A DEATH.

O Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life; the God of all consolation: forasmuch as it hath pleased thee to take unto thyself, the soul of our dear BROTHER now departed, we beseech thee to leave us not comfortless: but to send us thy Holy Ghost to comfort us. Enable us to feel that this is thy visitation, and from the heart to say, "Thy will

be done." And grant that this example of mortality in one dear to us, may make us more diligent to make our calling and election sure: and to apply our hearts unto wisdom. Raise us, O Father, we meekly beseech thee, from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that we, with all those departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul in thine everlasting glory: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

40. A SHORT PRAYER FOR USE IN THE HOUSE
BEFORE THE FUNERAL LEAVES.

A Hymn may be sung, and a short passage of Scripture read, as

I Thess. iv. 9-18. II Cor. iv. 8, to the end.

Reader. Let us Pray.

Reader and Answer.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Assist us mercifully, O Lord in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy

most gracious and ready help : through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Confession, Absolution, Lord's Prayer, and Versicles, as found in the Form for Evening Prayer.

R. O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, forasmuch as it hath pleased thee to take unto thyself from this Family the soul of our dear BROTHER now departed, we beseech thee to leave them not comfortless, but to send thine Holy Ghost to comfort them. Enable them to feel that this is thy visitation and to say from the heart "Thy will be done." Grant that this affliction, which is but for a moment, may assist in working out a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. *Especially we commend to thy holy keeping the bereaved (.....)* beseeching of thee to make thy presence and guidance precious unto them, and to sanctify unto their souls' health this present sorrow. And forasmuch as the departed can no more return to the friends that mourn for HIM, enable them to look beyond this world of care and tears, to that better country, even the Heavenly, where all the Faithful shall, in due time meet, and there dwell for ever with the Lord. These intercessions we offer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

R. O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered, make us we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives; that, when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered to our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the Communion of Christ's holy Catholic Church, in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope, in favor with thee, our God, and in perfect charity with the world; all which we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

R. Almighty and everlasting God, who by thy holy apostles, hast taught us, to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all men; we most humbly beseech thee, most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty, beseeching thee of thy goodness, to comfort and succour all those, who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to give us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we may

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¶ *Then may follow the two concluding Prayers of the Evening Service.*

41. A PRAYER BEFORE AN EXPOSITION OF GOD'S WORD.

Blessed Lord, who by the preaching of thine Apostles, didst spread thy truth throughout the world, enable us to receive with meekness the instruction which shall now be given out of thy most holy Word. Pour down thy Holy Spirit upon him who speaks, and upon those who hear; and grant that we may become wise unto salvation, through faith in thee: to whom with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

See also the Collect for the Second Sunday in Advent.

For the Seasons and Holy Days of the Church, the Collects that are appointed in the Book of Common Prayer may be used.

The Forms for Morning and Evening Prayer may be used for a Short School or Cottage Service. A Selection of additional Prayers being made from the Collects in the Book of Common Prayer, or from the Prayers in this Collection. For example: the following might well form the Special Prayers at one service,—

Nos. 14, 7, 22, 41.

